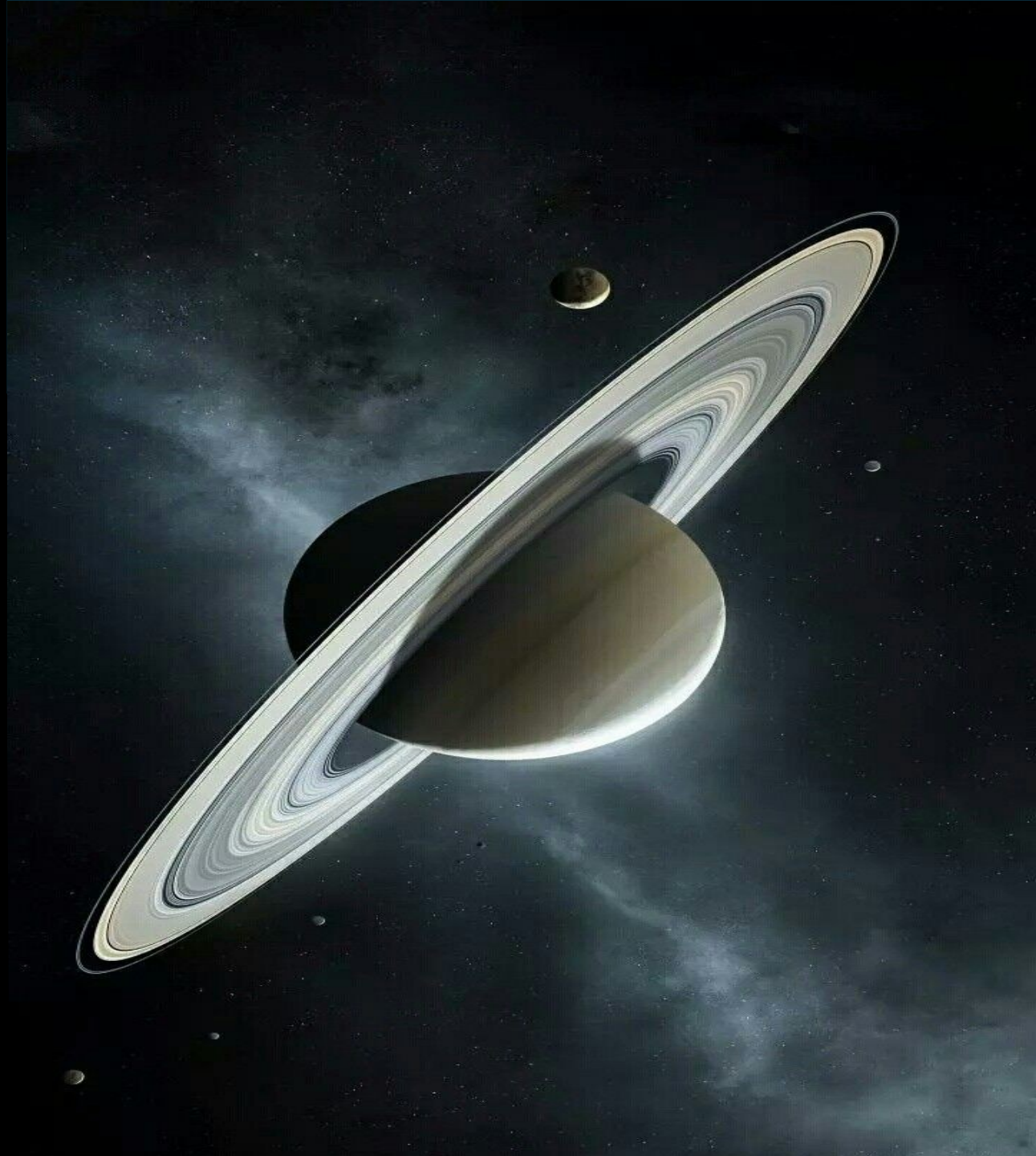
SURAT AL-MULK/ TABARAK



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REFLECTION OF SURAT AL-MULK

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Overview Of The Surah

The Reflection Of Surah Al-Mulk (Ego and Pride)

We must take into consideration that when Allah Almighty revealed the Reflection of Surah Al-Mulk, he was mostly addressing the defiantly disobedient, the elite of the Quraysh tribe, who took pride in their old customs and rituals.

They were the most educated and learned people in their society and were extremely arrogant, haughty, and fixed in their ways.

The call to Islam was a direct threat to their trade and livelihood that had been passed down to them by their forefathers, as they had sole control over the Holy City of Makkah.

In these circumstances, Allah Almighty revealed Surahs like Surah Mulk to invoke not only fear but also humility and put some sense of shame in their way of thinking. Even today, the same kind of people, full of pride and arrogance, exist. The mere mention of Allah Almighty and the call to his way of life irks them. Not only are they unwilling to hear anything, but they are also not keen to discuss or research for themselves where the truth lies. For them, it’s all about facts and what they can see.

The concept of ‘Ghaib‘ (the unseen), which is an integral article of our faith, is considered an archaic, weird notion. So Allah Almighty addresses their pride with the logic that they are comfortable with. He asks them again and again to look at the sky. Not once, not twice, but three times.
The Quraysh, like any other Arabs at the time of Rasool Allah (SAW), were fascinated with the sky. The stars were a source of guidance for the nighttime traveler, so Allah

In Ayahs No. 3 and 4, Allah Almighty directly asks them:

“Look once again; do you see any flaws? Then look still another time; yet again, your sight will come back humbled while it is fatigued.”

The word ‘Tibaaqa‘ in Ayah No. 3 suggests that the seven heavens are not only different layers once on top of each other, but they are also seamless and so well connected that they cannot be differentiated by the naked eye.

No crack or fissure can be detected by a man looking up into the enormous sky. The word ‘Fatoor‘ denotes that image.

Allah Almighty is constantly reminding us to always humble ourselves and let pride take it’s seat in our hearts. We are constantly being told by him to reflect.

Why do we have so much ‘ Gharoor‘ (delusion, ego) when we are only speaking of this vast creation? We already know that the earth, in comparison to the entire universe, is a tiny dot, and yet everything in this vast space runs in perfect harmony.
The plants orbit the sun perfectly. The angle at which the earth is positioned is perfectly balanced to maintain its orbit. How can we possibly deny the existence of a supreme creator, Allah Almighty, without whom his dominion will collapse? Doesn’t the thought of Allah Almighty humble us?

We want control of whatever we can get our hands on, but we fail to realize that we can never attain “Mulk” (dominion), as that is reserved for Allah Almighty alone. Our pride and ego blind us to this reality.

Allah Almighty also warns us that despite the nazeers and warnings sent to nations and societies of all times, the defiant disbelievers will never accept or admit the truth, as they will have to eventually admit that they are wrong.

Their own pride and ego will not allow them to make that admission. Sadly, they would have to admit their guilt in the akhirah,

In ayah No. 27, Allah Almighty mentions that when disbelievers witness the approaching punishment, their faces will reflects humiliation and gloom, and they will realize that they had been calling for it.
Do we exhibit the same kind of pride that Allah Almighty warns againts? Do our egos prevent us from accepting the guidance of the righteous, even through we claim to be believers? Is this behavior tantamount to disbelief, a cover-up for our truth intentions?

Conclusion

Do we conveniently practice a version of Islam that suits our needs and desires? Let us sincerely reflect on these questions and make a firm intention (Neeyat) to allow Allah Almighty, the Al-Mobeen, the clear, the manifest one, to remove the veils of heedlessness that have blinded us.

We must disallow our pride and ego from coming between us and him. Let us not repeat the same mistake made by Iblees, who was perhaps one of the greatest believers in Allah Almighty but allowed his pride to lead to his

The Virtues of Reciting Surat al-Mulk

Abu Hurayra reported that the Prophet (Allah bless him and give him peace) said:
“Indeed, there is a sura in the Quran containing thirty verses, which intercedes for a man until he is forgiven. It is: Tabarak Alladhi bi yadihi al-Mulk (Surat al-Mulk).” [Ahmad]
Jabir (Allah be pleased with him) reported:
“The Prophet (Allah bless him and give him peace) would not sleep until he recited Alif Lam Mim Tanzil (Surat al-Sajda) and Tabarak Alladhi bi yadihi al-Mulk (Surat al-Mulk).” [Tirmidhi]
Ibn Abbas said: The Messenger of Allah (Allah bless him and give him peace) said:
“I wish it were in the heart of every

Ibn ‘Abbas reported: Some of the companions of the Prophet (Allah bless him and give him peace) set up a tent on a grave without realizing it was a grave. Suddenly, they heard a person inside reciting Surat Tabarak Alladhi bi yadihi al-Mulk (Surat al-Mulk) until he completed it. They went to the Prophet (Allah bless him and give him peace) and said: “O Messenger of Allah, I set up my tent on a grave without realizing it was a grave, and then I heard a person reciting Surat al-Mulk until he completed it.” The Messenger of Allah (Allah bless him and give him peace) said:

Abdullah Ibn Mas‘ud reported: “Whoever recites ‘Tabarak Alladhi bi yadihi al-Mulk (Surat al-Mulk)’ every night, Allah will protect him from the torment of the grave. During the time of the Messenger of Allah (Allah bless him and give him peace), we used to call it ‘al-Mani‘a’ (the defender). In the Book of Allah, it is a sura which, if recited every night, will bring about

THE AYAT IN DETAIL

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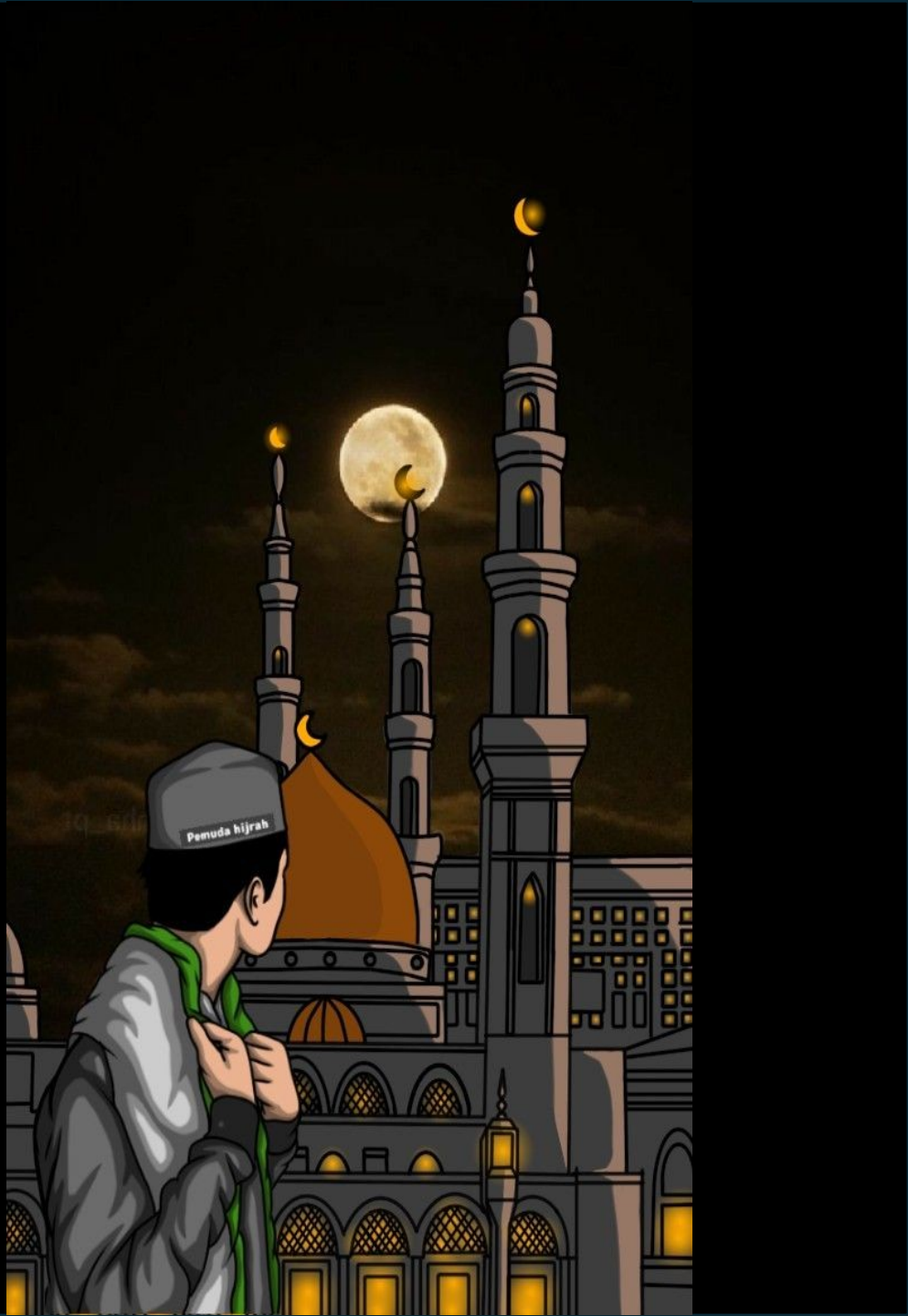
تَبٰرَكَ ٱلَّذِى بِيَدِهِ ٱلْمُلْكُ وَهُوَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَىْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ۙ

Blessed is the One in Whose Hands rests all authority. And He is Most Capable of everything.

ٱلَّذِي خَلَقَ ٱلْمَوْتَ
وَٱلْحَيَوٰةَ لِيَبْلُوَكُمْ
أَيُّكُمْ أَحْسَنُ عَمَلًا ۚ
وَهُوَ ٱلْعَزِيزُ ٱلْغَفُورُ

٢ He is the One Who created death and life in order to test which of you is best in deeds. And He is the Almighty, All-Forgiving.



ٱلَّذِى خَلَقَ سَبْعَ
سَمَـٰوَٰتٍ طِبَاقًا ۖ مَّا تَرَىٰ
فِى خَلْقِ ٱلرَّحْمَـٰنِ مِن
تَفَـٰوُتٍ ۖ فَٱرْجِعِ ٱلْبَصَرَ هَلْ
تَرَىٰ مِن فُطُورٍ ۝٣

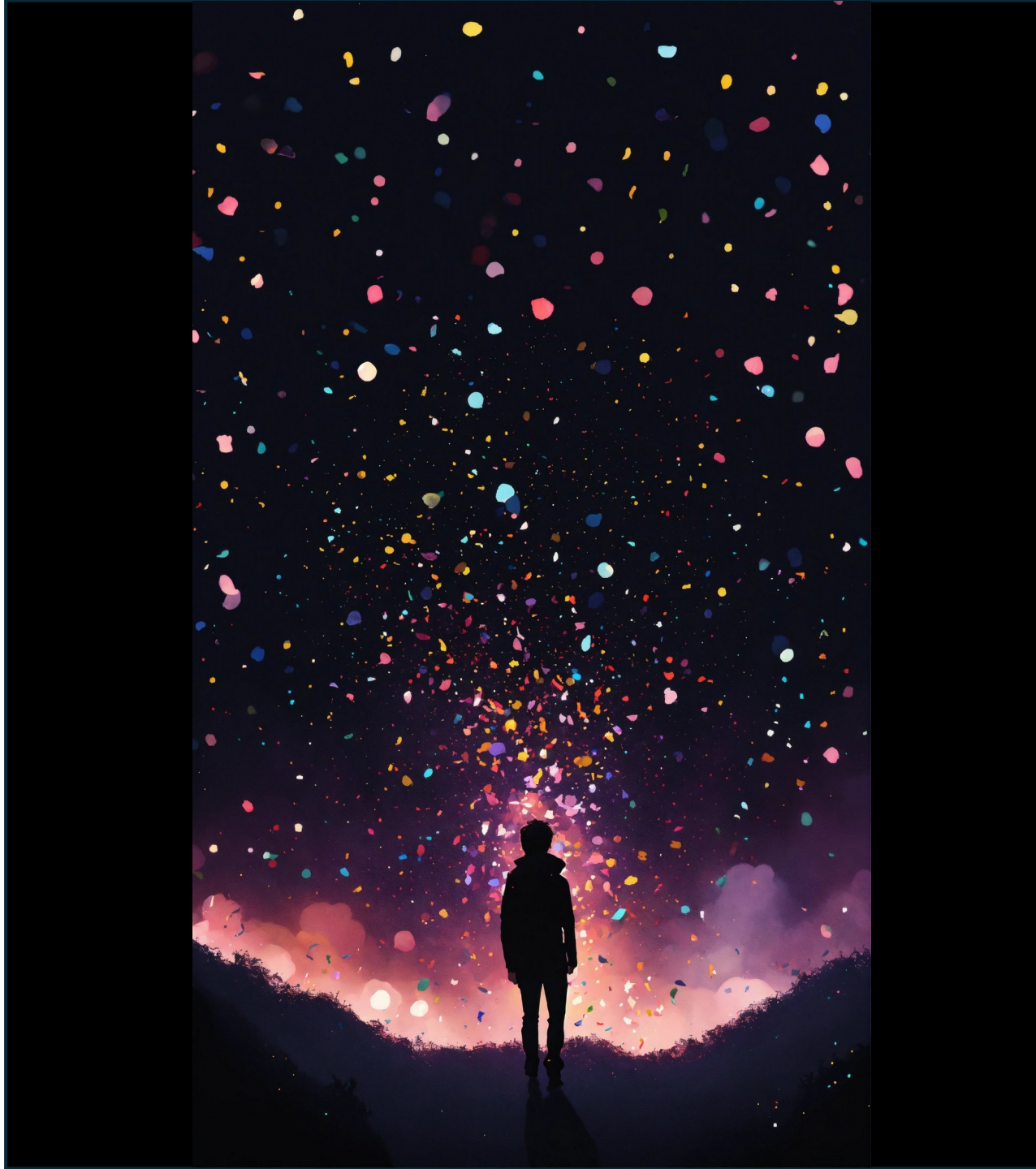
He is the One
who created seven
heavens, one above
the other. You will
never see any
imperfection in the
creation of the Most
Compassionate.1 So
look again: do you
see any flaws?

ثُمَّ ٱرْجِعِ ٱلْبَصَرَ كَرَّتَيْنِ
يَنقَلِبْ إِلَيْكَ ٱلْبَصَرُ
خَاسِئًا وَهُوَ حَسِيرٌ ٤

Then look again and again—your sight will return frustrated and weary.

وَلَقَدْ زَيَّنَّا ٱلسَّمَآءَ
ٱلدُّنْيَا بِمَصَـٰبِيحَ
وَجَعَلْنَـٰهَا رُجُومًا
لِّلشَّيَـٰطِينِ وَأَعْتَدْنَا
لَهُمْ عَذَابَ ٱلسَّعِيرِ

And indeed, We adorned the lowest heaven with stars like lamps, and made them as missiles for stoning eavesdropping devils, for whom We have also prepared the torment of the

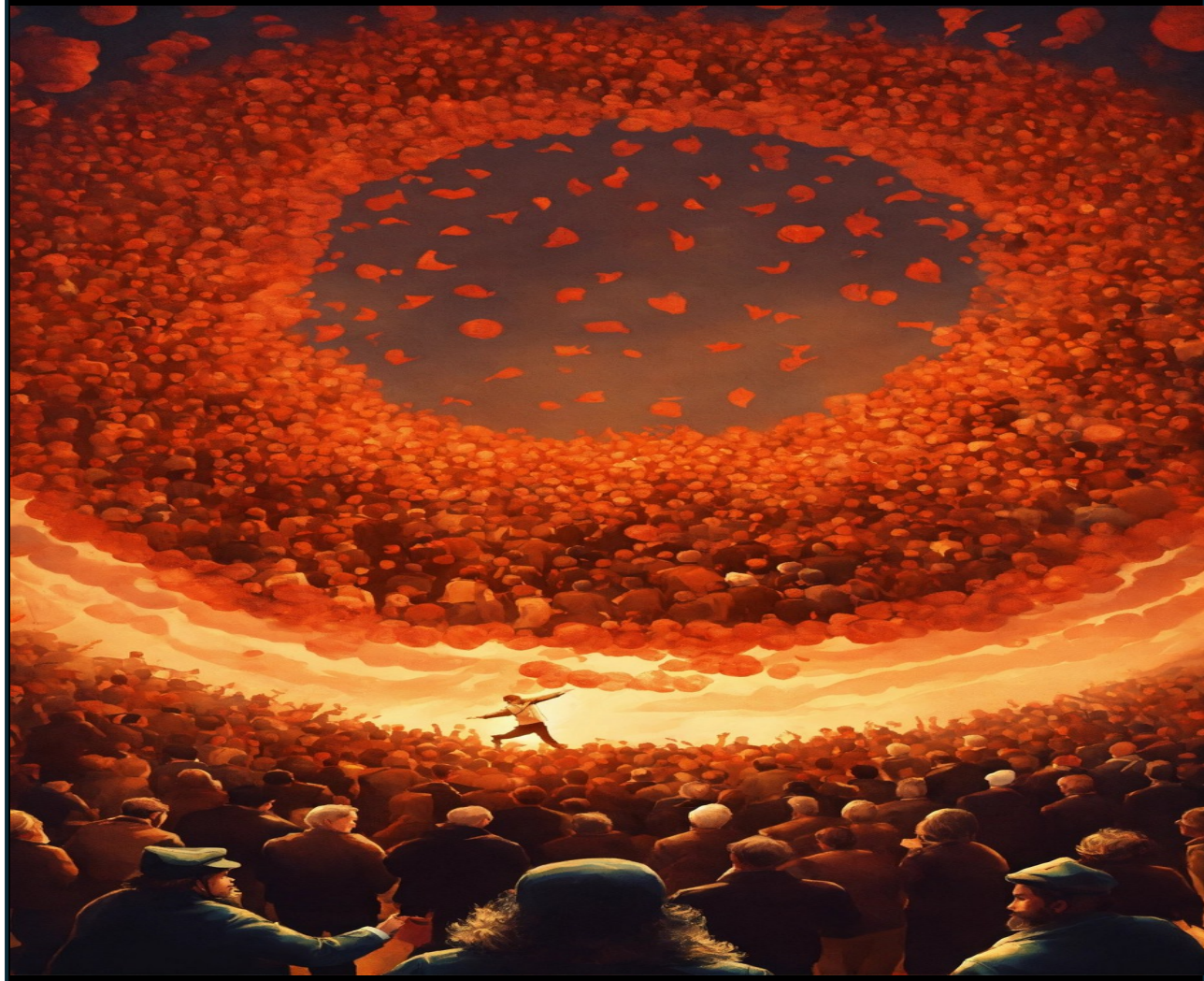


وَلِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا
بِرَبِّهِمْ عَذَابُ جَهَنَّمَ
وَبِئْسَ الْمَصِيرُ ٦

Those who disbelieve in their Lord will suffer the punishment of Hell. What an evil destination!

إِذَآ أُلْقُواْ فِيهَا
سَمِعُواْ لَهَا شَهِيقًا
وَهِىَ تَفُورُ ٧

When they are tossed into it, they will hear its roaring as it boils over,



تَكَادُ تَمَيَّزُ مِنَ
لْغَيْظِ كُلَّمَآ أُلْقِىَ
فِيهَا فَوْجٌ سَأَلَهُمْ
خَزَنَتُهَآ أَلَمْ يَأْتِكُمْ
نَذِيرٌ ٨

almost bursting in fury. Every time a group is cast into it, its keepers will ask them, “Did a warner not come to you?”

قَالُوا بَلَىٰ قَدْ جَآءَنَا
نَذِيرٌ فَكَذَّبْنَا وَقُلْنَا مَا
نَزَّلَ ٱللَّهُ مِن شَىْءٍ إِنْ
أَنتُمْ إِلَّا فِى ضَلَٰلٍ كَبِيرٍ
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“Yes, a warner did come to us, but we denied and said, ‘Allah has revealed nothing. You are extremely astray.’”

وَقَالُوا لَوْ كُنَّا نَسْمَعُ أَوْ نَعْقِلُ مَا كُنَّا فِي أَصْحَابِ السَّعِيرِ

And they will lament, “If only we had listened and reasoned, we would not be among the residents of the Blaze!”

فَٱعۡتَرَفُواْ بِذَنۢبِهِمۡ فَسُحۡقٗا لِّأَصۡحَٰبِ ٱلسَّعِيرِ ١١

And so they will confess their sins. So away with the residents of the Blaze!

إِنَّ ٱلَّذِينَ يَخْشَوْنَ رَبَّهُم بِٱلْغَيْبِ لَهُم مَّغْفِرَةٌ وَأَجْرٌ كَبِيرٌ ١٢

Indeed, those in awe of their Lord without seeing Him1 will have forgiveness and a mighty reward.

وَأَسِرُّوا قَوْلَكُمْ أَوِ
ٱجْهَرُوا بِهِۦٓ ۖ إِنَّهُۥ عَلِيمٌۢ
بِذَاتِ ٱلصُّدُورِ ١٣

Whether you speak
secretly or openly—
He surely knows best
what is ﴿hidden﴾ in
the heart.

أَلَا يَعْلَمُ مَنْ خَلَقَ
وَهُوَ ﴿ٱللَّطِيفُ
ٱلْخَبِيرُ﴾ ١٤

How could He not know His Own creation? For He ﴿alone﴾ is the Most Subtle, All-Aware.

هُوَ ٱلَّذِى جَعَلَ لَكُمُ ٱلْأَرْضَ ذَلُولا فَٱمْشُوا۟ فِى مَنَاكِبِهَا وَكُلُوا۟ مِن رِّزْقِهِۦ ۖ وَإِلَيْهِ ٱلنُّشُورُ ١٥

He is the One Who smoothed out the earth for you, so move about in its regions and eat from His provisions. And to Him is the resurrection of all.

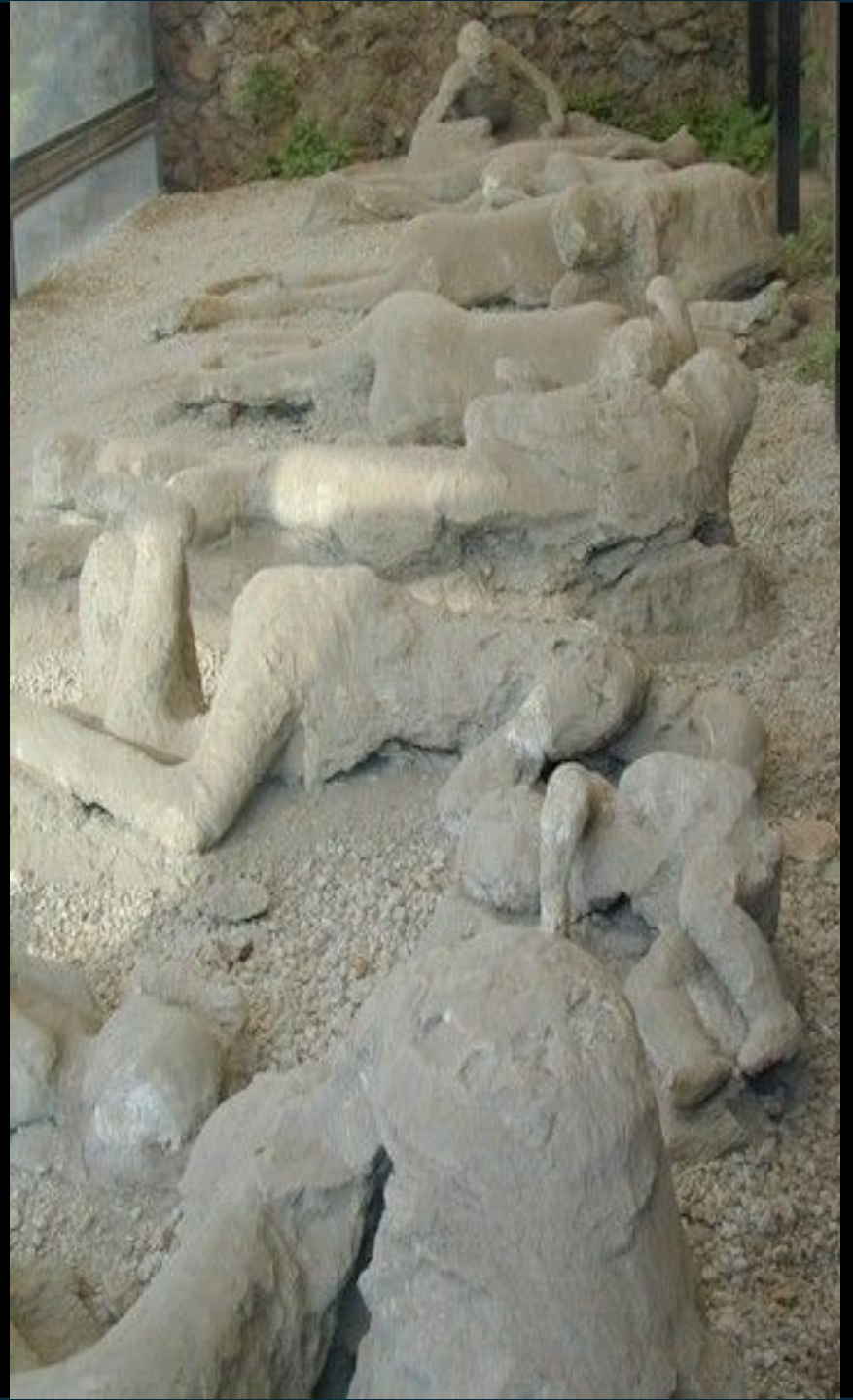
ءَأَمِنتُم مَّن فِى
ٱلسَّمَآءِ أَن يَخْسِفَ
بِكُمُ ٱلْأَرْضَ فَإِذَا هِىَ
تَمُورُ ١٦

Do you feel secure that the One Who is in heaven will not cause the earth to swallow you up as it quakes violently?

أَمْ أَمِنتُم مَّن فِى
السَّمَآءِ أَن يُرْسِلَ
عَلَيْكُمْ حَاصِبًا
فَسَتَعْلَمُونَ كَيْفَ
نَذِيرِ
Or do you feel secure that the One Who is in heaven will not unleash upon you a storm of stones. Only then would you know how serious My

وَلَقَدْ كَذَّبَ ٱلَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِهِمْ فَكَيْفَ كَانَ نَكِيرِ

And certainly those before them denied ﴿as well﴾, then how severe was My response!



أَوَلَمْ يَرَوْا إِلَى الطَّيْرِ
فَوْقَهُمْ صَٰٓفَّٰتٍ وَيَقْبِضْنَ
مَا يُمْسِكُهُنَّ إِلَّا الرَّحْمَٰنُ
إِنَّهُۥ بِكُلِّ شَىْءٍۭ بَصِيرٌ ١٩

Have they not seen the birds above them, spreading and folding their wings? None holds them up except the Most Compassionate. Indeed, He is All-

أَمَّنْ هَٰذَا ٱلَّذِى هُوَ
جُندٌ لَّكُمْ يَنصُرُكُم
مِّن دُونِ ٱلرَّحْمَٰنِ
إِنِ ٱلْكَٰفِرُونَ إِلَّا
فِى غُرُورٍ ٢٠

Also, which
powerless force
will come to your
help instead of the
Most
Compassionate?
Indeed, the
disbelievers are
only lost in

أَمَّنْ هَـٰذَا ٱلَّذِى
يَرْزُقُكُمْ إِنْ أَمْسَكَ
رِزْقَهُۥ ۚ بَل لَّجُّوا۟ فِى
عُتُوٍّ وَنُفُورٍ ﴿٢١﴾

Or who is it that will provide for you if He withholds His provision? In fact, they persist in arrogance and aversion to the truth.

أَفَمَن يَمْشِى مُكِبًّا عَلَىٰ وَجْهِهِۦٓ أَهْدَىٰٓ أَمَّن يَمْشِى سَوِيًّا عَلَىٰ صِرَٰطٍ مُّسْتَقِيمٍ ٢٢

Who is rightly guided: the one who crawls facedown or the one who walks upright on the Straight Path?

قُلْ هُوَ ٱلَّذِىٓ
أَنشَأَكُمْ وَجَعَلَ لَكُمُ
ٱلسَّمْعَ وَٱلْأَبْصَـٰرَ
وَٱلْأَفْـِٔدَةَ ۖ قَلِيلًا مَّا
تَشْكُرُونَ ٢٣

Say, "O Prophet,"
"He is the One Who brought you into being and gave you hearing, sight, and intellect. Yet you hardly give any thanks."

قُلْ هُوَ ٱلَّذِى
ذَرَأَكُمْ فِى ٱلْأَرْضِ
وَإِلَيْهِ تُحْشَرُونَ ٢٤

Also say, “He is the One Who has dispersed you all over the earth, and to Him you will all be gathered.”

وَيَقُولُونَ مَتَىٰ
هَٰذَا ٱلْوَعْدُ إِن
كُنتُمْ صَٰدِقِينَ ٢٥

Still they ask
the believers,
“When will this
threat come to
pass, if what you
say is true?”

قُلْ إِنَّمَا ٱلْعِلْمُ عِندَ ٱللَّهِ وَإِنَّمَآ أَنَا۠ نَذِيرٌ مُّبِينٌ ٢٦

Say, “O Prophet,” “That knowledge is with Allah alone, and I am only sent with a clear warning.”

فَلَمَّا رَأَوْهُ زُلْفَةً سِيٓـَٔتْ وُجُوهُ ٱلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا۟ وَقِيلَ هَـٰذَا ٱلَّذِى كُنتُم بِهِۦ تَدَّعُونَ ٢٧

Then when they see the torment drawing near, the faces of the disbelievers will become gloomy, and it will be said to them, “This is what you claimed would never

قُلْ أَرَءَيْتُمْ إِنْ أَهْلَكَنِىَ
اللَّهُ وَمَن مَّعِىَ أَوْ
رَحِمَنَا فَمَن يُجِيرُ
الْكَـٰفِرِينَ مِنْ عَذَابٍ
أَلِيمٍ ٢٨

Say, O Prophet,
Consider this: whether
Allah causes me and
those with me to die or
shows us mercy, who
will save the
disbelievers from a
painful punishment? 1

Footnote:

1 Meaning whether Allah takes our lives (as you wish) or grants us a long life, it is all good for us. But who will protect you from Allah if you disbelieve in Him.

قُلْ هُوَ ٱلرَّحْمَـٰنُ ءَامَنَّا بِهِۦ وَعَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْنَا ۖ فَسَتَعْلَمُونَ مَنْ هُوَ فِى ضَلَـٰلٍ مُّبِينٍ ٢٩

Say, “He is the Most Compassionate—in Him (alone) we believe, and in Him (alone) we trust. You will soon know who is clearly astray.”

قُلْ أَرَءَيْتُمْ إِنْ أَصْبَحَ مَآؤُكُمْ غَوْرًا فَمَن يَأْتِيكُم بِمَآءٍ مَّعِينٍ ٣٠

Say, “Consider this: if your water were to sink into the earth, then who else could bring you flowing water?”

EXCERCISES

Knowledge Level

1- What is the main theme of Surat Al-Mulk?

2- How many verses does Surat Al-Mulk contain?

Comprehension Level Questions

Why do you think Surah Al-Mulk emphasizes the greatness of creation?

- What message about the afterlife can we learn from this Surah?

Application Level Questions

- How can the themes of Surah Al-Mulk apply to your daily life?
- Can you think of a situation where reflecting on nature helped you feel closer to your faith?

Analysis Level Questions

- How do the verses in Surah Al-Mulk challenge the reader’s perspective on life and existence?
- What similarities do you see between Surah Al-Mulk and other Surahs that

Synthesis Level Questio

- If you were to create a project inspired by Surah Al-Mulk, what would it be and why?
- How would you combine lessons from Surah Al-Mulk with teachings from another Surah to address a

Evaluation Level Questions

- In your opinion, which verse in Surah Al-Mulk has the most powerful message? Why?
- How effective do you think Surah Al-Mulk is in encouraging believers to reflect on their actions?

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